THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Gujarat has sought assistance amounting to Rs. 7.18 crores for purchase of vehicles, communication equipments, etc. As there are several other States facing the problem of extremist activities, a comprehensive proposal for special assistance to affected states will have to be formulated.

Terrorist Operation in Punjab

1123. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists so far operating in Punjab have now extended their area of operation outside the State and particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of their activities in Delhi;

(c) steps taken to curb their activities and details of the results achieved;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have confirmed information about Pakistan Government's ISI in aiding and abetting terrorism in India, and

(e) whether Government have made any protests in this regard and if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information available with the Government indicates that the terrorists have been planning to indulge in terrorist acts in various parts of Delhi. Amongst the steps taken to curb terrorist activities include formation of an Anti-Terrorist Cell in each Police District; deployment of armed pickets at vulnerable/strategic points; intensive mobile patrolling; deployment of spotters; display of photos of known terrorists at public places; stationing of PCR vehicles at strategic places; and, coordination meetings with the adjoining States. As a result of those steps, 30 terrorists have been arrested from 1st January 1993 to 31st January 1994.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government have been taking up this matter with the Government of Pakistan at every available opportunity. Regrettably however, there has been no let up in Pakistan support to subversion and terrorism directed against India.

Murder of scheduled caste IAS Officer

1124. SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL :
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that there has been an agitation in Kerala State over the alleged murder of a Scheduled Caste I.A.S. Officer who was the Chairman of the MPEDA demanding a C.B.I. probe into the matter; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the circumstances of a case, it is for the State Government to request for a Central Bureau of Investigation enquiry. Tamil Nadu Government has not yet made any formal request.

Decision about dual citizenship

1125. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any decision about dual citizenship so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) since when this matter has been lying pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The demand for dual citizenship has been raised by certain organisations of NRIs in several fora in the recent past. The Government have not accepted the demand for dual citizenship as the concept is not consistent with the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Applications of freedom fighters pending before the screening committee

1126. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications pending for grant of freedom fighters' pension before the Screening Committee appointed by Government;

(b) what is the number of applications cleared during the current year; and

(c) by when the remaining applications a likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) At present 372 applications for grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension are pending consideration and advice of the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee appointed by the Government. No application could be considered by the Committee during the current financial year. As no official records are available in respect of the claims made in the applications, the Committee is expected to make detailed examination of each case which at times includes personal interview/discussions with the applicants and camp incharges. As such, it would be difficult to lay down any definite time schedule for disposal of these claims.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की पेंशन का ब्योरा

1127. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विगत दो वर्षों, अर्थात् 1992 और 1993 के दौरान कितने स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन मंजूर की गई ;

(ख) उसका राज्यवार ब्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस समय स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के कितने आवेदन पत्र विचाराधीन हैं तथा इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) और (ख) 1992 और 1993 में जिन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को (विधवाओं, आश्रित, अविवाहित बेरोजगार लड़कियों सहित) स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन स्वीकृत की गई है उनकी संख्या का, राज्यवार एक विवरण संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ग) स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन प्राप्त करने के लिए आवेदन करने के लिए निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि अर्थात् 31-3-1982 तक प्राप्त सभी आवेदन पत्रों का कम से कम एक बार निपटान कर दिया गया है और आवेदकों को निर्णय से अवगत करा दिया गया। 31-3-1982 के बाद प्राप्त 777 दावे 1-2-1994 को सरकार के पास विचारार्थ थे। इन दावों पर जल्दी निर्णय लेने के लिए भरसक प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। तथापि उनके निपटान के बारे में कोई निश्चित समय सीमा निर्धारित करना कठिन होगा क्योंकि राज्य सरकारों और अन्य एजेंसियों के साथ परामर्श करने के काफी समय लगता है।

विवरण

क्रम सं०	राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र	उन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की संख्या जिन्हें स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन स्वीकृत की गई	
		1992	1993
1	आंध्र प्रदेश	484	19
2	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	0	0
3	असम	5	0
4	बिहार	141	62